

unbelief!" " What is more/³ cried a younger man, " I don't believe him: he has only got a bee in his bonnet. I'll wager that in a week's time we shall find ourselves in the same place as we are to-day, and the warder will know nothing." "And if the warder ever knew anything, he knows it no longer," said the last of the prisoners, coming down into the yard at that moment, "for he has just died suddenly." "Ah ha!" cried several in confusion, " ah ha! Sir Son, Sir Son, how stands it now with your title ? Are we by any chance *your* prisoners now?" "I told you," answered the man gently, ^{<f} I will set free all who believe in me, as surely as my father still lives."—The prisoners did not laugh, but shrugged their shoulders and left him to himself.

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THE PERSECUTORS OF GOD.—Paul conceived and Calvin followed up the idea that countless creatures have been predestined to damnation from time immemorial, and that this fair world was made in order that the glory of God might be manifested therein. So heaven and hell and mankind merely exist to satisfy the vanity of God! What a cruel, insatiable vanity must have smouldered in the soul of the first or second thinker of such a thought I—Paul, then, after all, remained Saul—the persecutor of God.

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SOCRATES.—If all goes well, the time will come when, in order to advance themselves on the path